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Full Council Meeting
Delaware Troopers Hall
Dover, Delaware
April 11, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Judy Diogo, Mark Freidly, Sandy Gray, Karen Pickard, Karen Hutchison, Rich Jester, Ronald Burkle, Connie Fox, Chris Stahl, Ann Breeding, and Jennae Overton (Student member)

Dr. Hutchison called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Freidly moved to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2023; Council Meeting as presented. Ms. Fox seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The Budgetary Expenditure Report was discussed. Mr. Stahl explained the difference in amounts from last year's budget to this year's budget. Ms. Diogo moved to accept the report as presented. Mr. Jester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Stahl welcomed everyone to today's meeting and thanked them for attending. Mr. Stahl stated that all school visits were complete, reports for each school were also complete and that the reports were in the process of being posted to the DACCTE website. 43 school visits total this year and 44 if you count the revisit to Christiana High School.

Mr. Stahl stated that on January 3, 2024, the CTE Poster Judging Committee met and chose the top 3 poster winners. 8th grader from Redding MS, Maya Zhao, won 1st place and Conrad School of Sciences Students placed 2nd and 3rd. The awards letter was delivered to each student and a press release went to the Delaware State News and the Delaware Chamber of Commerce received the picture to display during the CTE Pathways Conference.

Mr. Stahl stated that Ms. Overton handed our Career Compasses to an event she attended.

Mr. Stahl also stated that on January 12, 2024, he met with Dr. Kilgore of the Milford School District and gave an overview of the CTE Basics.

On January 23, 2024, DACCTE Council Members Diogo, Jester, Baltazar-Lopez, Freidly, Student Rep Overton, DOE Associate Secretary Workforce Support Jakeman, Mrs. Breeding and Mr. Stahl attended the CTE Proclamation voting by the house and Senate recognizing February 2024 as CTE Month in Delaware.

On February 13, 2024, The Joint Finance Committee FY25 Budget Hearing at Legislative Hall was held. Dr. Hutchinson and Mr. Stahl attended in person while Mrs. Breeding attended virtually. We were denied from OMB our budget increase for our personnel funding request, however OMB supported the same amount to funding requested to hire the 3rd position for the fiscal year and to be added in FY26 Budget. The rest of the budget is in order and we now wait for the budget to pass later in June. Dr. Wickert (DOE CTE Director) and Mr. Shaner (DOE CTE Associate) were also in attendance for this hearing.

Mr. Stahl stated that Council member Lopez is still representing us on the Statewide Broadband Committee.

Mr. Stahl stated that on February 16, 2024, he attended the Exceptional Citizens Council Disability Poster contest awards and now has some ideas on how to adjust our contest some.

Mr. Stahl also stated that on February 21, 2024, he attended a BPA Conference at the Chase Center in Wilmington and judged the job interview contest. He stated that it was attended by almost 900 students and teachers that day.

On February 26, 2024, Mr. Stahl met virtually with Dr. Gill and Mrs. Keen from DOE CTE Workgroup concerning a CTSO Legislative Appreciation Day. This event is still in the planning stages with more to come on this.

Mr. Stahl stated that on March 6, 2024, he attended the State FFA Convention at Delaware State University. He stated that somewhere around 700 students and teachers were at the event.

Mr. Stahl mentioned that on March 15, 2024, he participated in the Milford School District Advisory Meeting Day. He stated that there were around 70 community supporter's, teachers, and administrators there in attendance.

On March 27, 2024, Mr. Stahl attended the BPA 3-D Event hosted by JP Morgan Chase at their Delaware Technology Center. This event is hosted and set up by Council Member Mr. Jester and gives students that have won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in their competitions at the BPA State Conference an opportunity to present to JP Morgan Chase Executives and receive feedback.

Mr. Stahl mentioned that on April 9, 2024, he attended the Skills USA CTSO competition that was held at Polytech High school. The Skills USA competitions are spread across 2 weeks utilizing all the tech school districts across the state. Thank you to Mr. Suppe for helping to set this up.

Mr. Stahl stated that DACCTE's 3rd personnel position had been posted to the website and DOE Frontline for over 3 weeks. He stated we had applicants and that he was beginning to go thru the process of setting up interviews. Mr. Freidly and Ms. Gray have been asked to help with the interview process.

Handouts

N/A

BYLAWS

The new bylaws were voted on. Mr. Jester moved to accept the report as presented. Ms. Diogo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The next DACCTE meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2024, to be held at the Milford Public Library at 5:00pm.

New Business

The question was brought up about maybe doing something different regarding PD nights due to lack of attendance. Council members suggested maybe bringing in a speaker regarding suicide, mental health or a motivational speaker.

Ms. Overton suggested getting more Students involved in the DACCTE world.

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Fox moved to adjourn the business meeting, Ms. Diogo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Let the minutes reflect that the General Public had access to the information regarding this meeting. There were no attendees and therefore no comments from the public.

Mr. Stahl thanked everyone again for attending and wished everyone a great night.